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1. IN TUNISIA THERE ARE NO DATES CELEBRATED BY  
DISSIDENT OR LEFTIST ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, DURING FIRST  
WEEK OF FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR THERE ARE GENERALLY STUDENT  
DISTURBANCES.

2. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TUNISIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS:

JANUARY 2 MUSLIM NEW YEAR  
JANUARY 18 REMEMBRANCE DAY  
MARCH 13 MOULED (RELIGIOUS)  
MARCH 20 TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY  
APRIL 9 MARTYRS' DAY  
MAY 1 TUNISIAN LABOR DAY  
JUNE 1 VICTORY DAY  
JULY 25 REPUBLIC DAY  
AUGUST 3 PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY  
AUGUST 13 WOMEN'S DAY  
SEPTEMBER 3 COMMEMORATION OF 9/3/34

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SEPTEMBER 25 AID SEGHIR (RELIGIOUS)

OCTOBER 15 EVACUATION OF BIZERTE  
DECEMBER 1 AID EL KEBIR (RELIGIOUS)

3. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS IN LIBYA ARE SPONSORED, ORGANIZED, AND CONTROLLED BY LARG. THEY INVARIABLY CONTAIN ELEMENTS OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA, AND THEREFORE THERE IS INHERENT POSSIBILITY ANY ONE OF THEM COULD DEGENERATE INTO ATTACK ON U.S. EMBASSY.

4. WHILE ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS ARE IN EVIDENCE IN THESE FREQUENT DEMONSTRATIONS ONLY TWO DATES HAVE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTION. THEY ARE "DEPARTURE OF U.S. FORCES DAY" ON JUNE 11 AND LIBYAN NATIONAL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 1 (ANNIVERSARY OF QADHAFT'S COUP). WHILE LARG DEMONSTRATIONS ARE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, VIOLENCE DOES OCCUR, WHETHER DELIBERATELY PLANNED AS MOB ATTACK ON SUDANESE EMBASSY THIS MONTH, OR ACCIDENTALLY AS IN JUNE SHOOTING BY POLICE OF DEMONSTRATOR ATTACKING SYRIAN RELATIONS OFFICE. RIOT POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR U.S. EMBASSY IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ONE OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT OCCUR ALMOST BIWEEKLY TO PROTEST SOME ASPECT OF ME POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND BLAME U.S. AS CAUSE.

5. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF LAR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS:

JANUARY 2 MUSLIM NEW YEAR (RELIGIOUS)  
JANUARY 11 ASHURA (RELIGIOUS)  
MARCH 8 SYRIAN NATIONAL DAY  
MARCH 14 PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY (RELIGIOUS)  
MARCH 28 DEPARTURE BRITISH FORCES  
MAY 25 AFRICAN UNITY DAY  
JUNE 11 DEPARTURE U.S. FORCES  
JUNE 23 EGYPTION NATIONAL DAY  
JULY 24 AL-ISRA'WAL-MI'RAJ (RELIGIOUS)  
AUGUST 10 NISF SHA'BAN (RELIGIOUS)  
SEPTEMBER 1 LIBYAN NATIONAL DAY  
SEPTEMBER 25-27 ID AL FITR (RELIGIOUS)  
OCTOBER 7 DEPARTURE ITALIANS  
DECEMBER 1-4 ID AL-ADHA (RELIGIOUS)  
DECEMBER 22 MUSLIM NEW YEAR (RELIGIOUS)  
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6. THE DATES FOR TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ARE BASED ON THE LUNAR CALENDAR AND CHANGE EACH YEAR.  
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